



6800 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747
(301) 735-8401
School Code: 210532
www.bmhs.org

ADMINISTRATION

John Barnhardt, Ed.D.
President/CEO

Dian Carter
Principal

COUNSELING STAFF

Terry Burroughs, Jr.
*Director of School &
College Counseling
Junior & Senior Counselor*
301.735.8401, ext. 140
terry.burroughs@bmhs.org

Dr. Keana Schoennagle
*Assistant Director of School
& College Counseling,
Junior & Senior Counselor*
301.735.8401, ext. 144
keana.schoennagle@bmhs.org

Cherese Howard
Junior & Senior Counselor
301.735.8401, ext. 145
cherese.howard@bmhs.org

Michael J. Jones '96
Freshman & Sophomore Counselor
301.735.8401, ext. 143
michael.jones@bmhs.org

Cherese Carter
Freshman & Sophomore Counselor
301.735.8401, ext. 146
cherese.carter@bmhs.org

Charaia Taylor
Counseling Office Manager
301.735.8401, ext. 141
charaia.taylor@bmhs.org



BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

BMHS MISSION

To educate hearts and minds in a dynamic, inclusive Catholic school community rooted in the Holy Cross tradition.

A HOLY CROSS TRADITION

Bishop McNamara High School is an independent Catholic, college-preparatory school, founded in 1962 and proudly rooted in the Holy Cross tradition. Located in Prince George's County, Maryland—just 15 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C.—our mission is to educate hearts and minds while forming ethical leaders and compassionate citizens. Guided by an independent Board of Directors, our school integrates faith, academic excellence, leadership, and service across a dynamic curriculum supported by two academic deans and expert department chairs. Each year, students complete more than 25 hours of service, embodying our values of Educating Minds & Hearts, Being Family, Bringing Hope, and Building Respect.

Our diverse student body of 900 comes from over 180 elementary and middle schools across Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. With a selective 40% acceptance rate and 60% of students receiving financial aid, McNamara reflects the rich cultural and socioeconomic diversity of our region. Last year, 100% of graduates were accepted into college, with 99% matriculating and earning over \$31 million in scholarships and aid.

McNamara is widely recognized for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. Seventy-five percent of students participate in the arts—including our nationally recognized Fine Arts Diploma Endorsement program—while over 55% compete in athletics, producing numerous Division I athletes each year. Our graduates are resilient leaders, grounded in faith, artistry, and service, inspiring hope for a better tomorrow.

STUDENTS:

- 900 students
- Average Class Size: 20
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 11:1

GRADUATION PROFILE:

- 4 Year Colleges & Universities: 96%
 - Public: 65%
 - Independent: 20%
 - Catholic: 15%
- 2 Year Colleges: 2%
- Other: 2%

FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 81 teaching faculty & administration
- 18 years average teaching experience
- 62% with Advanced degrees

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- 230+ Courses Offered
- STEM Courses such as Engineering, Robotics, Design & Fabrication, and Cybersecurity
- 23 Advanced Placement Courses
- 51 Honors Courses
- 4 Modern & Classical Languages
- Unique Elective Courses
- Over 35 teams at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman levels
- Over 50 Clubs, Societies, and Organizations
- Sankofa Program - Traditional African Dance elements and cultural heritage
- Fine Arts Diploma Endorsement (FADE) serves to refine students' talent and skill, cultivate a community of respect, appreciation, and understanding of the arts, and acknowledge students' dedication to the Fine Arts
- Campus Ministry - strives to carry out the vision of the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Father Basil Moreau, C.S.C. "to make God known, loved, and served".
- Each year, students participate in service-learning. The requirement consists of a combination of school sponsored events, grade-wide activities, projects, and reflection opportunities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Theology	4.0
Science	3.0
Electives	2.0
Modern & Classical Languages	2.0
Health & Physical Education	1.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Technology & Engineering	1.0
Gateway Seminar	0.5

Total **27 credits**

Please note that community service hours are required in all years at Bishop McNamara High School.

GRADING SCALE

GRADE	NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT	GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)		
Letter	Range	College Prep	Honors	A.P.
A	100 - 90	4.0	4.5	5.0
B+	89 - 87	3.5	4.0	4.5
B	86 - 80	3.0	3.5	4.0
C+	79 - 77	2.5	3.0	3.5
C	76 - 70	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	69 - 65	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	64 - 00	0.0	0.0	0.0

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCORES 24-25

Total AP Students	221
Number Of Exams	401
% of Total AP Students with one or more score of 3 or higher	65%

2025-2026 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

Advanced Creative Writing
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
African American Literature
Creative Writing
English 9*, 10*, 11* & 12*
Gateway Seminar

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Precalculus*
Algebra 1*
Algebra 2*
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Calculus*
Contemporary Math with Trigonometry
Geometry*
Geometry/Trigonometry*
Math Resource
Statistics
Personal Finance
Precalculus*

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology 1* & 2*
AP Biology

AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C: Mechanics
Astronomy
Biology*
Chemistry*
Earth Science
Food Science A&B
Forensic Science
Marine Science
Physics*
Zoology

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP African American Studies
AP Psychology
AP U.S. History
Civilization*
Early American History*
Economics
Global Studies*
Government & Politics*
Introduction to Law
Psychology
United States History*

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

American Sign Language 1, 2, & 3*
AP Latin
French 1*, 2*, 3*, & 4*

Latin 1*, 2*, 3*, & 4*
Spanish 1*, 2*, 3*, 4* & 5*

THEOLOGY

Peer Ministry
Theology 9, 10, 11, 12

FINE ARTS

Acting
Advanced Acting*
Advanced Digital Art
Advanced Drawing*
AP Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design
Broadcast Journalism
Chamber Choir*
Chorale*
Color
Concert Band*
Concert Choir*
Dance 1, 2, 3, & 4*
Dance Performance 1 & 2*
Digital Art
Drawing
Film Production
Foundations of Theatre
Great Stages of Drama*
Intermediate Theatre
Introduction to Theatre
Introduction to Traditional African Music & Dance

Jazz Ensemble
Makeup and Costume Design
Musical Production*
Musical Production Cast
Musical Production Crew
Musical Theatre Intensive*
Musical Theatre Production
Percussion Ensemble
Photography
Sankofa Company*
Sankofa Narrator
Show Choir
Spring Production*
Spring Production Cast
Spring Production Crew
String Orchestra*
Symphonic Band*
Tap 1, 2, 3, & 4*
Theatre Production*
Theatre and Event Production
Theatre Technology
Traditional African Dance & Music 1, 2, 3, & 4
Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Wind Ensemble*
Yearbook Journalism

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Active for Life
Archery & Target Games
Fall, Winter, Spring Sports

Lifetime Sports
Personal Fitness
Science Department
Sports Marketing
Walking for Wellness

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
Computer Programming
Cybersecurity
Digital Making & 3-D Design
Foundations of Robotics
Quantum Computing
Robotics + Programming
Web Design

TESTING

Freshmen: PSAT 8/9
Sophomores: PSAT, AP
Juniors: PSAT/NMSQT, AP
Seniors: SAT, ACT, and AP

AP = Advanced Placement
** = Honors credit available*

CLASSES OF 2021-2025 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Barnard College
Barry University
Baylor University
Bennett College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Bowling Green State University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
The Catholic University of America
Central State University
Chowan University
Claremont McKenna
Clark Atlanta University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of Southern Maryland
The College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Coppin State University
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Dartmouth College
Delaware State University
DePaul University
DeSales University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Eastman School of Music
Eastern University
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College

Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fayetteville State University
Fisk University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Frostburg State University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
The George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Grand Canyon University
Hagerstown Community College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Harvard University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College, Indiana
Hood College
Howard University
Immaculata University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iona College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
The Johns Hopkins University
Johnson and Wales University
Johnson C. Smith University
Juniata College
Kent State University
King's College
Lebanon Valley College
Liberty University
Lincoln University
Livingstone College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Maryland
Loyola University, New Orleans
Lycoming College
Lynchburg College
Marist College
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin College

Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
Mercer University
Merrimack College
Mercyhurst College
Miami University (Ohio)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montgomery College
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University & Seminary
Mt. Holyoke College
Neumann University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
The Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Prince George's Community College
Providence College
Purdue University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Saint Augustine's College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Peter's University
Salisbury University
Savannah College of Art & Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Shaw University
Shenandoah University
Shepherd University
Shippensburg University
Smith College
South Carolina State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern University and A&M College
Spelman College
St. Bonaventure University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Vincent College
State University of New York, Albany
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University,
State University of New York
SUNY at Fredonia
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Towson University
Trinity Washington University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy (West Point)
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of the Arts
University of Central Florida
University of Charleston
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Haven
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
The University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
West Virginia State University
Wheeling University
Widener University
Wilberforce University
Williams College
Winston-Salem State University
Xavier University (Ohio)
Xavier University of Louisiana
York College of Pennsylvania

**Bold indicates colleges/universities where BMHS graduates are currently enrolled*